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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
REGISTRY
Gordon Road
No. S. B. D. 7543
November 26, 1941
Date

Strike, Hong Chang Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Mill

Co. Ltd., No. 381 Markham Road.

D.S.I. Smith.

E. F. F. F. Officer i/c.

Sir,

The labour situation at the Hong Chang (鴻章)
Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Mill Co. Ltd., No.
381 Markham Road, has now returned to normal.

The factory is operating today the 26/11/41 with
a complement of 2,400 workers.

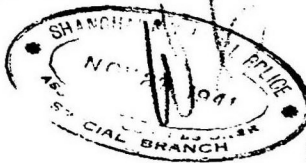
Some thirteen agitators who instigated the strike
have been dismissed.

J. Smith
D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

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Gordon Road

November 22, 1941.

Strike, Hong Chang Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Mill
Co. Ltd., No. 381 Markham Road.

D.S.I. Smith,

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Officer i/c.

Sir,

Negotiations for a settlement of the labour dispute
at the Hong Chang (鴻昌) Cotton Spinning, Weaving and
Dyeing Mill Co. Ltd., were concluded on the 21-11-41
when the workers' representatives agreed to accept the
management's offer of an increase in wages of 30%.

Some 300 workers resumed work at 6 a.m. on the
22-11-41. Other workers are expected to commence
later in the day.

P. Smith
D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

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File 395/41
Gordon Wood
November 14/41 41.

Strike, Hong Chang (新章) Cotton spinning, weaving
and Dyeing Mill Co. Ltd., No. 381 Markham Road.
D. I. Smith, Officer in Charge. *ERROLD*

Sir,

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At 6.50 a.m. on the 14-11-41 a telephone message was received from Mr. Liang Yoo Hoo (劉耀南) the manager of the Hong Chang (鴻章) Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Mill Co. Ltd., No. 381 Markham Road, reporting that the workers of the factory had called a strike.

Mr. D. Smith, D.I., 112 and 113, 319 attended and ascertained that by the evening of the 13-11-41 a number of male workers employed in the dyeing department started an agitation for an increase in wage of 50% and betterment of working condition. The agitation spread to the spinning and weaving departments causing a general unrest.

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The management offered the strikers an increase in wages of 30% effective from the 1-11-41. These terms were acceptable to the spinners but rejected by the weavers.



At 10a.m. on the 14-11-41 some 1,100 spinners decided to resume work and returned to their respective machines. However, at 10.30a.m. they stopped their machines probably due to pressure from the workers of the same department.

At 1 p.m. on the 14-11-41 three representatives from the Anti-Communist Propaganda Committee, named *Ye Yu* (叶玉甫), *Ye Tsung* (叶志先) and *Hung* (孔祥德) respectively, visited the factory and requested that they be allowed to mediate on the dispute. The management, however, refused to treat with them. They were informed by D.C.I. with that they are functioning illegally and warned against any recurrence.

As a result of further negotiations the spinners and a number of dyers decided to start their machines but they were prevented from working by agitators who pulled a number of belts from the machine driving wheels and switched off the motors.

The weavers and a section of the dyers were now in a truculent mood. The weavers locked themselves in the weaving department and refused to open the doors. Some of them were smoking cigarettes thereby causing grave danger of setting the factory on fire.

The dyers congregated at the far end of the dyeing department and started to shout insults at the Police who were in attendance. A number of these dyers had armed themselves with sticks and iron bars.

At 4.55 p.m. on the 14-11-41 the Reserve Unit was called out by Chief Inspector Trodd.

Squads of Police operating under the directions of Supt. Chamberlain cleared the spinning and dyeing departments without untoward incidents, but before access could be gained to the sawing department C.D.C. 95 had to climb through a window and unbolt a door.

When the Police entered this department which contained approximately 900 females, they were pelted with shuttles and left bobbins and it was found necessary to use batons to subdue the mob.

Three persons sustained injuries, two of whom received first aid treatment at the factory and the other at St. Elizabeth's Hospital:-

- (1) Yee Yuen Ying (姚鳳英), 30 years, Anhwei, 27 Lung Ka Hong, Changping Road, Minor injuries to head.
- (2) T. (朱根葵), 30 years, Anhwei, 27 Lung Ka Hong, Changping Road, Contusion of buttock.
- (3) Tsang Sau Mei (張少妹), 24 years, Pootung, 27 Lung Ka Hong, Sinza Road, Trauma of right leg. Detained in Hospital.

There were no Police casualties.

The factory was cleared and the mob dispersed from the vicinity at 6.30 p.m. 14-11-41.

The factory will be closed until an amicable settlement has been reached.

D.C. "B" and members of the Special Branch attended.

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J. Smith
D.S.I.

D.D.C. "B" Div.

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Worker's Demands.

- (1) An increase of 50% in wages be enforced.
- (2) That the "cheap" rice be obtained not in excess of \$80.00 per picul and every worker be given \$2.00 daily for rice allowance.
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- (5) Wages and rice allowances be paid as usual on the occasion of Sundays or holidays.
- (6) That workers be not to be sent with ^{out} cause.
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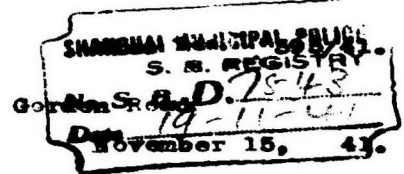
REPORT ON STRIKE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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"B" Division
Gordon Road Station November 14th, 1941.
Time and date reported 6.50 am 14/11/41 Time and date S. B. informed 7.30 am 14/11/41.
Time and date strike commenced 6 a.m. 14/11/41.
By whom reported Tsung Yao Nan (鄭耀南) Factory Manager.
Trade or profession of strikers Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.
Number of strikers 2200 Male 700 Female 1500 Apprentices
Employer's name, address and business Hong Chang (鴻章) Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Mill Co., Ltd., 381 Markham Road.
Union to which strikers belong Non-union members.
Cause of strike and demands made by strikers at 6 a.m. on the 14/11/41 some 2200 workers declared a "Tai Kung" strike to enforce demands for an increase of 50% in wages and betterment of working conditions.
When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 13/11/41.
What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike. None.
What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Offered to grant an increase of 30% in wages effective from the 1/11/41.
Names and addresses of strike leaders Maou Sam K. H. (繆雪球), 17 Hung Chang Li (鴻章里) Gordon Road, Zhang Ling Sung (張芹生), 592/23 Gordon Road.
Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration ---
Meeting places of strikers 381 Markham Road.
Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike ---
Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike ---
Name and address of printer of such circulars ---
Precautions taken by Police Duties posted and detectives keeping observation.
Investigating Officer D.S.I. Smith, D.S.I. Chu Hong Wei, C.D.S. 128 & C.D.C. 319.

Subsequent reports on the same strike should be submitted on the Report Forms for general use.

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Strike, Hong Chang Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Mill
Co. Ltd., No. 381 Markham Road.

D.S.I. Smith,

E. J. Smith Officer i/c.

Sir,

At 7.30 a.m. on the 15-11-41 one named Pah Chuen Ming (白俊明), Mill Inspector, employed at the Hong Chang (鴻章) Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Mill Co. Ltd., No. 381 Markham Road, came to the station and reported that at about 6.45 a.m. 15-11-41 whilst he was escorting one named Dong Hung (唐煥亨), an overseer employed in the weaving department, along Connaught Road near Medhurst Road, they were held-up by about 100 male strikers who seized and assaulted the overseer. However, the overseer broke away from them and ran into the Hui Lai (利來) Cigarette and Exchange Shop, No. 19 Connaught Road, and made good his escape via the rear door.

A number of the strikers rushed into the shop after the fleeing overseer and broke two panes of glass on a show-case and seven confectionery bottles estimated value \$250.00.

The overseer cannot identify his assailants. He attended the Paulun Hospital for treatment and the following doctor's certificate was issued:-

"Contusion of back and waist, and abrasion of left leg."

The proprietor of the shop named Zee Koo Si (徐淦泉) has been compensated for his loss by the management of the factory.

A party of Police under S.I. Woschikoff attended the scene but the strikers had already dispersed.

D.D.O. "B" Div.
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J. Smith
D.S.I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT ON STRIKE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
RECORDS SECTION

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"B" Division

Gordon Road Station

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Gordon Road

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Officer in Charge

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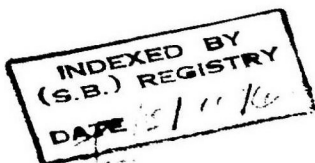
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- (7) That workers be still allowed to live in the two living quarters supplied by the Mill otherwise a daily house rent should be paid to workers.



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November 13, 1936.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

The situation in the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill (Chinese), 381 Markham Road, is normal.

Three of the six workers who were arrested by the Municipal Police for intimidation and sentenced to five days' detention by the Shanghai First Special District Court on November 3 (Vide I.O. 4/11/36) were paid off by the management on November 11.

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Please see below.

Further to Strike of workers in the Hung Chang
Cotton Mill at No. 391 Markham Road.

At 2a.m. on 8/12/36, the letter (received by the above mill from the Bureau of Social Affairs) as referred to on Diary 25, was obtained from the management and a copy taken, same reads as follows:-

Character Hai No. 6211. Dated 6/12/36.

Instructional Order to Hung Chang Cotton Mill.

It has come to the notice of this Bureau that workers have been dismissed by your management for making preparation to organise a Labour Union. This action of your mill is against the "true meaning" of the labour and capitalists co-operation and mediation. But on the contrary the dismissed workers, without first reporting their dismissal to this Bureau and ask for mediation, agitated a number of workers and led them to the mill to cause disturbance and "Tai Kung" (stoppage of work) was also on the wrong procedure.

It has been decided by this Bureau that those workers who played an active part in the disturbance, viz., -Shu Yah Vung, Hoo Kung Zai, Yue Fai Ching, Yue Ah Miao, Zau Ah Yung, Bei Tsung Yung, Lien Zung Zai, (7 in all) be allowed to be dismissed by your management, but for the sake of mercy two months extra wages be given to them as compensation, whilst the following four workers, Zee Pau Ching, Wong Yue Sung, Wong Ah Zai, and Zee Sing Poo



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be reprimanded once and are allowed to be reinstated in your mill in order to settle this dispute.

A copy of the similar instructional order has also been given to the labour union for enforcement.

Chopped Pea Kung Jui,
Chief of the Bureau.

6/12/36.

A further visit to the mill at 3p.m. on 8/12/36 revealed that the four ex-employees (as referred to in Diary 25) again visited the manager in the mill, ostensibly to receive their wages, but actually pressing for reinstatement.

Three months wages was paid to them all, (excepting one of their members who is absent, having gone to Hang-chow) After receiving the money, and it being again explained to them that no re-instatement would be considered, they left the premises.

It is not expected that they will again return.

Lead
Sen. Det. 1/c.

R. H. Taylor
D.S. 201.

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Please see below.

Further to strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill at No. 381 Kerkham Road.

At 8 a.m. on 7/12/36, information was received from the above mill to the effect that certain men, (previously dismissed as a result of a disturbance amongst the workers) were present in the mill and demanded to be reinstated.

Enquiries by the undersigned and C.D.S. 202 ascertained the following:-

At about 5 p.m. on 5/12/36 a letter, addressed to the Management of the above mill, was received from the Bureau of Social Affairs, wherein it was suggested, or advised, that out of the 11 previously dismissed employees, 4 should be reinstated, the remainder to be paid the two months salary owing them.

As a result of this, 2 of the workers, as under, appeared at the mill a.m. 7/12/36, demanding to be reinstated, but when firmly told by the Management that such a proposal would not be considered, for a moment, they left.

The names of the 11 ex-employees follow,; the names underlined being the ex-employees who are to be reinstated,

- (1) Shu Wen Han (许文海)
- (2) Loh Kung Dzai (陆根才)
- (3) Yue Hai Ching (余海清)
- (4) Bai Tsung Yoong (卜春荣)
- (5) Yih Ah Yoong (袁何荣)
- (6) Yih Ah Miao (袁何妙)



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- (7) Liao Tsung Tsai (刘顺才)
- (8) Wong Ah Fong (王何芳)
- (9) Shu Sing Pao (徐兴甫)
- (10) Wong Yue Sung (王友生)
- (11) Shu Pau Kyung (徐宝庆)

according to the Bureau of Social Affairs.

The 8th and 9th as mentioned above, appeared at the mill in the morning, speaking on behalf of themselves, as well as the 10th and 11th named.

At about 3p.m. on 7/12/36, the first seven named above were paid all monies due them, and left quietly, but the 8th and 9th refused to accept their salary due, (as well as their friends) numbered 10 and 11 above, and shortly afterwards left the premises. It is expected that they will return tomorrow 8/12/36.

Mr. Ts Hai Tsung (施漢章) Secretary, informed the undersigned to the effect that no consideration whatever will be given to the four men now seeking re-employment in the mill, as the previous occurrence, with its attendant incidents, is considered closed. These four men have not, as yet, taken the salary due them, and are now "bickering" in the hope of re-instatement, but this, however, is without hope, Mr. Ts states, as it has been definitely decided to ignore the suggestion as outlined in the letter from the Bureau of Social Affairs.

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Any further untoward incident, in connection with the above, will be made the subject of a further report as usual.

Head
Sen. Det. 1/c.

K. A. Wilson
D.S. 201.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.2, Special Branch. *Station 7543*

REPORT

Date November 4, 1936. *36*

Subject Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road - six workers

arrested for intimidation

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Coyne

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With reference to the query of the D.C. (Special Branch) concerning the six persons arrested on November 2, 1936 and charged from Gordon Road Station with intimidating employees of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, there is no previous record of any of them on file in S.2, Special Branch.

J. Coyne
D. S. I.

D.C. (Cn)
D. C. (Special Branch).



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J. Coyne

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.....

S.1, Special Branch ~~Section~~

REPORT

Date November 3, 1936.

Subject..... Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road - six workers
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Made by..... and..... Forwarded by..... D.S.I. Moore

With reference to the remarks of the D.C. (Special Branch) on attached Crime Diary No.677/36, Gordon Road regarding the arrest of six persons on November 2 for intimidating workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, nothing is known by S.1. Special Branch about these persons.

Their names and particulars have, however, been noted for record and future reference.

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S.S.D.Court.

The 6 accused in this case appeared before the S.S.D.Court A.M.3/11/36, when Judge Yih having heard the evidence handed down the following decision:-

"1st, 2nd & 3rd accused: Each 5 days detention for being concerned in interfering one's right by means of violence".

"4th, 5th & 6th accused: Each 15 days detention for being concerned in interfering one's right by means of violence"

"Sentence of be executed immediately".

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Lead
Sen. Det. i/c.

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|| Please note, Tot. suspended as shown in Int. Report. *Atchad*

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Please see diary.

Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton
Mill at 381 Varkham Road.

The six arrests for "Intimidation" offences, referred to in Diary No. 23, dated 3/11/36, appeared in the S.S.D. Court a.m. 3/11/36 before Judge Yih when the following decisions were rendered:-

- "1st, 2nd and 3rd accused; Each 5 days' detention for being concerned in interfering one's right by means of violence".
- "4th, 5th and 6th accused; Each 15 days' detention for being concerned in interfering one's right by means of violence".
- "Sentences to be executed immediately".

The above sentences were not "suspended for two years", as reported in "Extract from Intelligence Report" dated 4/11/36.

As reported in the above Intelligence Report no agreement was reached at the meeting convened in the Bureau of Social Affairs on 3/11/36.

No further disturbance is expected in the above Mill, but the situation is being watched as usual.

D. S. 201.

Lead
Sen. Det. 1/c.
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S.I. Special Branch ~~XXXX~~ 7543
November 3rd 1936

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Crime Diary.

Register No. 677/36.

"B" Division

Gordon Road Station

Nov. 2, 1936.

Offence: Intimidation.

Place: 381 Markham Road, Hung Chang Cotton Mill.

Time: About 6 a.m. 2.11.36.

**Time reported:
ed: 6.30 a.m. 2.11.36.**

Name of complainant: Zung Yue Nan (郑有南) Works manager, above address.

Number of criminals : 6 in custody:
(1). Wong Ah Pao (王阿保), 18, Kompo, F/worker, residing 361 Mogi Road;
(2). Wong Ah Pao (王阿保), 18, Kompo, F/worker, residing straw hut Kwang Shao Road, Chapel.
(3). Zung Siau Doo (郑少斗) 19 Zangchow, F/worker.
(4). Sung Ziang Sung (陈强生), 32, Kompo, residing 3951 Robison Road;
(5). Sung Ah Kung (沈阿强), 48, Ningpo, residing 32/400 Tonquin Road;
(6). Zee Ah Woo (徐阿五) 29, Kompo, residing 16 Hung Kong Li, Penang Road.

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The 6 accused in this case concerned together together did intimidate and attempt to prevent workers of the Hung Chang Cotton Mill from doing their normal daily work at the mill by means of threats.

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At 6.30 a.m. 2.11.36, a telephone message was received at Gordon Road Station from the Hung Chang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, reporting that workers were being intimidated at the above mill.

Upon receipt of the above message the undersigned - C.D.S. 153 and a Party of Uniformed Police attended and found detained in the Office situated within the Mill compound 3 Chinese Female Workers, names as follows:-

- (1) Wong Ah Pau, 18, F/Millworker, Kompo, residing 361 Moji Rd.
- (2) Wong Ah Pau, 18 F/Millworker, Kompo, residing Kwang Zau Road, Chapei.
- (3) Zung Siau Doo, 19, F/Millworker, residing 13 Hang Tsung Road, Chapei.

Who had been concerned together in intimidating and attempting to prevent the day workers from carrying on with their work in the above named Mill. This attempt did not materialize and upon arrival of the Police all the day workers had commenced work.

Subsequent enquiries by D.S. White C.D.S. 153 and 187 revealed the followings:- at 7.20 p.m. 28.9.36, a strike of workers employed by the Ung Chang Cotton Mill situated at 381 Markham Road commenced and this is now the subject of (G.R. Misc. 14/36 Political).

About 5.50 a.m. 2.11.36, Sung Ching Tse, employed as a day-shift foreman at the above mentioned Mill arrived at the Mill for work and whilst in the Spinning Room which comes under his ~~maxx~~ charge he received information to the effect that the Night Workers were going to cause trouble when leaving at 6 a.m.

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Sung Ching Tse passed this information to Zung Yue Na Works Manager in the Mill Office, situated within the Compound, and returned to the work-room and upon entering about 6.5 a.m. he witnessed Wong Ah Pau, the 1st named F/Millworker, mentioned above intimidating Millworkers about to commence work on the day shift by preventing them from running their machines and threatening them with Assault when they left the Factory later, should they commence work that day.

Sung Ching Tse returned to the Office and reported this disturbance to Zung Yue Nan, who then with Sung Ching Tse, went immediately back to the work-room where Wong Ah Pau was located.

Zung Yue Nan, then took her to the office for questioning re the cause of her actions. At this time, about 6.5 a.m. 50% of the machines were running in charge of the day workers, other day workers with those who had just finished Night work being present in the work-rooms and adjoining compound, the Day Workers having been prevented from running their machines by the actions of Wong Ah Pau and the 2nd and 3rd named.

After the removal of Wong Ah Pau from the work-room by Zung Yue Nan, the clerk of the department; Ling Vung Shu then witnessed the 2nd named, Wong Ah Pau, attempting to prevent the

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the Night workers from leaving the work-room and agitating with the Day-workers not to commence work under threats of Assault when they left the factory Ling Vung Shu requested her not to interfere or cause any disturbance amongst the day workers and to leave the premises. To this request she paid no attention and persisted in her efforts to bring about an impasse with the night and day workers to prevent work being continued. She was then also taken to the Office by Ling Vung Shu and detained.

Zung Yue Nan, works manager then returned to the work-room (now about 6.20 a.m.) when all the night workers should have left, but many of whom were still present in the room mingled with day workers who had been frightened to commence work. Whilst trying to ascertain the cause of the dis-satisfaction he witnessed the 3rd named Zung Siau Doo, stop 7 machines which were being operated by day workers at the same time stating that if they did not stop work they would be assaulted upon leaving the mill. Her removal by Zung Yue Nan, finally settled the disturbance within the work-room and the day workers resumed their work.

Whilst being removed from the work-room, Zung Siau Doo, picked up a wooden spindle (Exhibit) with which she attempted to assault Zung Yue Nan, but was prevented causing any serious injury, and also removed to the office

The removal of the three agitators quelled any further disturbance and all the Night Workers left the premises without any further incidents and all the Day workers commenced work.

The 3 above mentioned females brought to the station and interrogated admitted having participated in the abortive attempt to bring about another strike at the Mill as outlined above. Further questioned they stated that one named Sung Ziang Sung, employed in the Mill as a Machine Oiler had instructed them in the parts they had to play in the attempt to bring about another stoppage and further unrest amongst the workers.

Sung Ziang Sung, 32, M/Millworker, residing 3951 Robison Road, was taken into custody from the mill compound at 11.45 a.m. 2/11/36, and brought to the station and interrogated admitted having with two other workers, Sung Ah Aung, and Zee Ah Woo attended a meeting held at No.20 Dzoong Tuh Lee, Hung Fung Road, Chapel, Offices of the Labour Union, 2 p.m. 1/11/36 where apparently it had been decided to deceive the workers of the Hung Chang Cotton Mill into coming out on strike again on the pretext that the management was going to reduce their wages by 20%.

Sung Ah Kung was arrested at 12/15 a.m. 2/11/36 at 32/400 Tonquin Road and questioned at the station admitted having attended the Labour meeting as stated above and having with the others taken part in the discussion and agreement to cause dissatisfaction amongst the workers as outlined above.

Zee Ah Woo, 29, M/Mill worker, employed by the Hung Chang Cotton Mill was next taken into custody at 6.30 p.m.

2/11/36, at the Mill premises and questioned at the station admitted his part in the attempt to bring about unrest amongst the workers and his attendance at the labour meeting at 2 p.m. 1/11/36, with the other two male Chinese mentioned above.

In this case it must be noted that acts of intimidation have occurred frequently since the commencement of the dispute at the Hung Chang Cotton Mill on the 28/9/36, and on only one previous occasion has direct evidence been available against any particular person/s (G.R. F.I. R. 638/36).

Untiring efforts of the Management of the Mill and the Bureau of Social Affairs since the 28/9/36, have only recently shown results in bringing the original unrest amongst the workers to a satisfactory conclusion.

The action of the above six named with the assistance of the unofficial Labour Union (3rd Cotton Weaving Preliminary Office, Chapei) composed chiefly of recently dismissed employees, is an effort to bring about further unrest amongst the workers by circulating rumours that the management intended to reduce their pay 20% (ascertained from the management to be without the slightest foundation of the truth) and their concentrated action at the mill 6 a.m. 2/11/36 when they attempted to prevent the Day workers commencing work by intimidation and threats of assault if not obeyed, the result of a premeditated plan of action.

The 6 named therefore have been charged under Art. 304 Section 1 of the C.C.C. and will appear before the S.S.D. Court a.m. 3/11/36. All concerned have been warned to attend.

Statements have been taken from each and are attached.

Statement of Sung Ah Kung (宋阿公), native of Ningpo.

G. Rd. Stn. on the 2/11/36

My name is Sung Ah Kung, age 48 years, native of Ningpo, residing 420 Monquin Road. I have been employed as an oiler at the Hung Chang Cotton Mill since March of the 11th Year of Chinese Republic (1922). At about 12 noon on the 31/10/36, when I was "shopping" on Changping Road I met one mill worker whom I know as Tsai June Ziang. He called me to go to No.20 Wzoong Ah Lee, Hung Feng Road, Chapei, where the labour union is situated. I accompanied him to the said place and waited there until 2 p.m. the same day. A meeting was then held and at which it was decided that in case the mill manager wanted to deduct our wages from the 1/11/36 (Monday), the day workers who enter the mill should not commence work and the night workers who worked previous night should not leave the mill in order to make it as a demand. At 11.30 p.m. on 1/11/36 when I was mentioning this decision of the meeting to Sung Ziang Sung and Zee Ah Woo in the "Fine Cotton" Room of the Hung Chang Mill, it was overheard by some of the female workers. I did not expect that the disturbance will start this morning amongst the female workers.

Signed: Sung Ah Kung.

Statement of Sung Ziang Sung (37-442), native of Kompo.
G.R. Stn. on the 2/11/36

My name is Sung Ziang Sung, age 32 years, native of Kompo, residing 3951 Dah Shoo Lee, Robison Road. I have been employed as an oiler at the Sung Chang Cotton Mill since October 1931. At about 2 p.m. on the 1/11/36 one of my co-workers whose name I do not know came to my home and called me to go to No. 20 Dzoong Luh Lee, Sung Fung Road, Chapei, the premises occupied by Labour Union. On my arrival it was already about 3 p.m. The meeting was over and all attendance left, therefore I did not hear any decision in the meeting. I returned home. I went to the mill at 5.30 p.m. for night shift. I worked until 11.30 p.m. the mid-night meal time was due and I left the working room and on my way to dining room I passed winding room and I heard Sung Ah Kung talk to Lee Ah Woo. I went up to them and asked them about the decision of the meeting in the Labour Union. They then all told me that the meeting decision being that if the mill management wanted to cut 20 per cent wages from workers all should oppose and all day duty shift should not start work and night duty members should not leave the mill waiting for the management's promise not to cut their wages. I do not know about the origin of the disturbance this morning. This is my true statement.

Signed: Zung Ziang Sung.

Statement of Zung Siao Doo (), native of Zangchow.
G.R. Station on the 2/11/36.

my name is Zung Siao Doo, age 19, native of Zangchow,
residing at no.47 Hong Yung Faung off Mai Chung Road, Chapei.

About 2 p.m. on the 1/11/36 when I was sleeping at
my own home, one fellow female worker, as I called her
adopted mother, came to my home and told me that I should
not go outside when finished the night work. Be careful
of being assaulted by others, that I should come out of
the mill together with the male and female workers.
Further she told me that I had better not turn on night
shift tonight.

Until 6 a.m. this morning (2/11/36) I just got ready
to leave off my work, and heard many female workers, shouting
"Off duty workers don't go outside" and "Day shift workers
don't turn on work". "If you people don't take this advice,
you would be assaulted by them." Just when I was standing
in the Spinning room, I was pushed by some others from
behind which action was seen by the mill staff, I was
therefore brought to the station. This is my true statement.

Signed, Zung Siao Doo.

Statement of (2) Wong Ah Pao, native of Kampo.

G.R. on the 2/11/36.

My name is Wong Ah Pao, age 18, native of Kampo, residing unnumbered straw hut in Yung Kong Li off Awang Shao Road, Chapei, and employed by the Hung Chang Cotton Mill as a night worker.

About 12 mid-night 1-2/11/36, when I was just working in the spinning room, I was approached by three male workers, one named Sung Ah Aung (叶阿根), and one named Sung Ziang Sung (叶江生) and the 3rd one unknown to me, they three were engaged in oiling, and they three told me that I should not go out when finished the night work at 6 a.m. the next morning, stating that "If you female workers go outside, you would be assaulted by them." "You had better go out together with male workers." Indeed, it was actually Sung Ah Aung and Sung Ziang Sung, who prevented us to go outside, This is my true statement.

Cross signed, Wong Ah Pao.

Statement of (1st) Wong Ah Pao (王阿保), native of Kampo.
G.R. on the 2/11/36.

My name is Wong Ah Pao, age 18, native of Kampo, residing at No.361 Moji Road. I am employed as a spinner by the Hung Chang Cotton Mill, No.518.

At about 5 p.m. on 1/11/36 I went to the Mill for turning up the night shift. The next morning 2/11/36 at 5.30 a.m. the night work finished, but I did not come out. Owing to the fact that when I was working in the work-room about 12 mid-night, I was approached by two male workers, whose names were unknown to me, but they both were engaged in oiling. They both told me that I should not go out the next morning when finished night work, because there were some persons intending to assault me, I therefore waited until 6 a.m. When passing through the spinning room I saw that some disturbance was taking place, but at the same time, some of the mill staff were on the scene, they then suspected me having created disturbance, I was brought to the mill office first and then I was brought to the station. This is my true statement.

Cross signed, Wong Ah Pao.

Statement of Zee Ah Woo (李阿武), native of Kompo.

G.R. on the 2/11/36.

My name is Zee Ah Woo, age 29, native of Kompo, residing No. 12 Hung Chong Li off Penang Road, and employed by the Hung Chang Cotton Mill as a workman since 1930.

About 2 p.m. on the 1/10/36 I was taking food in a food-shop situated at the corner of Gordon and Robison Roads where I was approached by one named Koo Shing Tsai, (許生才) who told me to go to the Labour Union at 20 Tsoong Tuh Li off Hung Fong Road, Chapei, and informed one named Chun Yue Ding (陳育定) to declare that I should assist the female workers on strike on the 2nd day. At that time Sung Ziung Sung was in the Union office, who stated that he would prevent all these female workers in his room to go out. On the same night about 1 a.m. Sung Ziung Sung came to my machine room and told me that I should stop these female workers from working and not allowed them to go out. I replied that let each female stop work at liberty, because I could not prevent them by myself alone. The next morning at 6 a.m. I saw the mill light flashing red, when Sung Ziung Sung was seen standing on the Main gate and prevented the female workers to go out. This is my true statement.

Signed. Zee Ah Woo.

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Strike of Workers in the "Hung Chang
Cotton Mill, at 381 Markham Road.

Since forwarding Diary No.22, the situation in the above mill up to 6 a.m. on 2/11/36 had been normal with no intimation whatever of the further outbreak of trouble on the part of the workers, but at 6.30 a.m. 2/11/36, a telephone message was received at this station, from the above mill, reporting that certain workers were being intimidated. As a result of this information, 6 workers, (3 female and 3 male), were subsequently arrested and charged, Vide F.I.R.677/36, G.Rd. "Intimidation". Enquiries revealed that No.20 Dzoong Tuh Lee (崇德里), Hung Feng Road, Chapei, is still being used by certain workers of the above mill as headquarters of the proposed Labour Union, where meetings are held periodically. At 2 p.m. on 1/11/36, a meeting was held in the above house, attended by the three male Chinese (now in custody) when it was proposed to deceive the workers into again coming out on strike on the pretext that the management of the mill intended reducing all wages by 20 per cent.

No cut of the workers wages is contemplated by the management.

No further trouble is expected at the

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A further report will be forwarded in due course.

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November 3, 1936.

Afternoon Translation.

Lih Pao and other local newspapers:

WORKERS OF HOONG TSAUNG WEAVING AND DYEING FACTORY ON STRIKE

The Hoong Tsaung (鴻章) Weaving and Dyeing Factory, No. 381 Markham Road, employs more than 1,000 workers.

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Up to yesterday the management had not given any reply to the demands submitted by the workers nor had it reinstated the dismissed hands; on the contrary, it is reducing the workers' wages.

Yesterday morning the entire body of workers opened negotiations with the management, but without any result. The workers then went on strike and appointed representatives to make appeals to the local Tangpu and other government organs for assistance. These organs will detail officials to the factory this morning to mediate.

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Marcham Road.

At 10a.m. on 30/10/36, a letter addressed to Gordon Road Police Station was received, signed by the "3rd Cotton Weaving Preliminary Union Office." A translation of the contents follows:-

Gordon Road Police Station.

"We received instructions from the Bureau of Social Affairs to the effect that all workers should return to work when this letter is received. We have therefore informed all the workers to go to work tonight, 30/10/36 (night shift) In case of any misunderstanding existing we now report to you as above."

Signed The 3rd District Cotton
Weaving Union Preliminary office
Dated 30/10/36.

A visit was paid to the Hung Chang Cotton Mill and Mr. Ts Hwei Sung, manager, was interviewed, who also reported the receipt of a letter sent by the Bureau of Social Affairs to him, a.m. 30/10/36. A translation of same also follows:-

Instructional Memo No. Character Hai 1642.

"Owing to the fact that the Mill dismissed two workers named Ho Kung Tsai and Shu Wen Yoh, a strike was caused. In this case, except the above mentioned 2 workers, all the workers should go back to work."



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After enquiries, we ascertained that a part of the weaving department still do not resume work, so there was no result on the meeting held on the 24/10/36.

We have again instructed the Union to the effect that all the workers should resume work within two days, otherwise they would be deemed as willing to relinquish their jobs, and we allow the mill to take the new hands in.

If any more trouble occurs a further meeting should be held in order to settle the trouble.

Dated 30/10/36.

From the above two letters it would seem that the Bureau has suggested that all the strikers resume work, but does not clearly intimate whether the previously dismissed men, 11 in all. ^{Should be included.} Without doubt, the letter received at this station, emanated from a member of the dismissed workers, who having heard that the Bureau has more or less told the management to allow the "striker" to resume work are taking it for granted they (the workers formerly dismissed for creating trouble in the factory) will also be allowed to resume.

Mr. Ts Hwei Sung definitely stated that if any of the ex-workers appear, when the shifts ^{are} ~~all~~ changing, at 6p.m. 30/10/36, they will be put off the premises.

The undersigned and C.D.S.s 187 and 202 attended the above factory at 5.10p.m. 30/10/36, as the possibility

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existed that these men, when being refused to resume work,,would probably try to cause a further out-break of trouble. At about 5.40p.m. eight of the ex-employees arrived, but when told to leave the factory, by the manager they retired quietly, dispersing in several directions.

It is now apparently considered by the Bureau of Social Affairs, and the management of the Hung Chang Cotton Mill, that the entire incident has now terminated.

No other meeting has been arranged for, and the mill is now working at full pressure.

As Mr. Ts Hwei Sung explained to the undersigned, the few workers at present absent from the mill, are absent purely for private reasons such as sickness, etc.

As referred to in Diary No. 19, three arrests in connection with intimidation of the workers, was effected on 20/10/36, at 8.40p.m. and charged, after one remand these men were finally sentenced to 20 days detention each on 27/10/36.


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Please see diary.

Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 341 Markham Road.

The present state in the above Mill, as shown by the figures below, (up to 6p.m. 26/10/36) compare favourably with the state as shown on Diary 20 dated 22/10/36.

Enquiries show that sickness and leave for various reasons, is responsible for the present absences, and not as might be supposed, the strike.

Night Shift 6p.m. 26/10/36.

Females working 579 absent 61.

Males working 115 " 8.

Day Shift 6a.m. 27/10/36.

Females working 624 absent 16.

Males working 119 " 4.

Enquiries show that no further meeting between the Bureau of Social Affairs, the workers representatives and the management, is yet scheduled, and as far as can be ascertained the movement in the factory has died a natural death.

Any further developments in the future will be reported upon in the usual way

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Central China Daily News and other local newspapers:

STRIKE AT THE HOONG TSAUNG COTTON MILL

The management of the Hoong Tsaung (鴻章) Cotton Mill, No. 381 Markham Road, has not only failed to reinstate Ho Kan Zai (何根才) and several other dismissed hands the other day, but has also reduced the wages of the workers who had participated in the recent strike.

At 6 a.m. yesterday when the non-strikers went to the factory to work, Sun Ziang Sun (孫祥生) and other male workers instigated Wong Ah Pao (王阿保) and several other female workers to use the bobbins to strike any worker who resumed work. The women mistook the hands of the Wing On Cotton Mill in the vicinity for their fellow workers and stood in their way. A clash ensued.

Upon learning of this, the Wing On Cotton Mill immediately sent a telephone message to the Police whereupon detectives and uniformed men arrived and took Wong Ah Pao and 5 others into custody. The arrested persons were brought before the Shanghai First Special District Court yesterday morning when three of them were sentenced to 5 days' detention each while the remaining three were given 15 days' detention each.

Central China Daily News and other local newspapers:

WORKERS OF PAO HWA AND FIVE OTHER SILK WEAVING
FACTORIES ON STRIKE AGAIN

At 7 a.m. yesterday the workers of the Pao Hwa (寶華) and five other silk weaving factories on Brennan Road demanded the payment of their wages. As the demand was ignored, the workers went on strike at 10 a.m.

The local Tangpu and other government organs immediately instructed the strikers to wait calmly for a settlement of the dispute. They will convene representatives of both sides to a mediation meeting on November 5.

Crystal (晶報) publishes the following articles:

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THE MAIN POINTS IN SINO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS

Despite the several interviews between General Chang Chun, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the National Government, and Mr. Kawagoe, Japanese Ambassador to China, no fresh developments in the Sino-Japanese negotiations have taken place. This is due to the fact that Japan is suggesting a united front against communists and the demarkation of several provinces in North China into a buffer district. These proposals cannot be accepted by China.

Japan is now willing to make concessions and is suggesting that autonomy be introduced in Hopei and Chahar instead of in the five provinces in North China, but she still insists on a united front against communists.

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Foh Sing Silk Weaving Factory - Transient "tai-kung" strike

At 7 a.m. November 3, the thirty workers of the Foh Sing Silk Weaving Factory, Lane 296, No.16 Brennan Road, O.O.L., commenced a "tai-kung" strike with a view to demanding the payment of wages for October. The strikers resumed normal operations at 10 a.m. on the advice of the Chinese Police. The dispute has been referred by the workers to the Bureau of Social Affairs and the local Kuomintang.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - Situation

On November 3, a meeting of representatives of the Management and the workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Marham Road, was held in the Bureau of Social Affairs regarding the reinstatement of eleven workers recently dismissed for being agitators, but no agreement was reached.

The six workers arrested by the Municipal Police on November 2 for intimidation were brought before the First Special District Court on November 3 when three of them were each sentenced to five days' detention, and the remaining three to fifteen days' detention each, sentences in all cases being suspended for two years.

The situation in the mill is normal this morning.

MiscellaneousBureau of Social Affairs issues notice regarding guide service agencies

On November 3, the Bureau of Social Affairs of the Shanghai City Government posted copies of a notice in Chinese controlled territory, ordering the proprietors of

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Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - agitation for the reinstatement of dismissed workers

In order to enforce a demand for the reinstatement of eleven workers recently dismissed by the management, three workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, switched off the power in the Weaving Department at 6 a.m. November 2.

Six persons believed to be agitators among the workers of the mill were arrested by the Municipal Police and will be brought before the First Special District Court on Nov. 3.

The situation in the mill is normal this morning.

Miscellaneous

Sandalwood and Dried Longan Shop Owners' Association - meeting

A general meeting of members of the Sandalwood and Dried Longan Shop Owners' Association was held at 5 p.m. November 2 in the office of the Association in Room 465, 66 Hankow Road, when the following resolutions were passed :-

- 1) That all members be warned against publishing advertisements in the newspapers or distributing handbills advertising their products with effect from Nov. 3, 1936, and that offenders against this resolution be fined \$200.
- 2) That all members be warned against offering gifts for purchases made with effect from November 9, 1936, and offenders against this resolution be fined \$50.
- 3) That all members be instructed not to hoist banners advertising sales after November 9, and that offenders against this resolution be fined \$100.

Chamber of Commerce National Goods Exhibition - closed

The National Goods Exhibition, sponsored by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at No. 126 Bubbling Well Road, which opened on October 1, 1936, closed on November 1.

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Sung Sing No.6 Cotton Mill - mill supervisor assaulted

The ex-worker of the Sung Sing No.6 Cotton Mill, 29 Hochien Road, who was arrested by the Municipal Police on October 23 for assaulting a supervisor of the mill, was arraigned before the First Special District Court on October 24 when he was sentenced to 10 days detention, suspended for two years.

P.W.D. Sawgin Road Depot - strike of coolies ends

The 110 road construction coolies employed by the P.W.D. Sawgin Road Depot who declared a strike in the morning of October 26 in order to enforce a demand for the reinstatement of a dismissed coolie No.84 (Vide I.R. 26/10/36), returned to work unconditionally at 1 p.m. the same day.

Three coolie representatives (Nos. 45, 60 and 77) interviewed the Chief Highways Engineer, P.W.D. in the Administration Building, when they were informed that coolie No.84 had been dismissed and his reinstatement would not be considered.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - activities of dismissed workers

Eleven dismissed workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, submitted a petition this morning, October 27, to the Bureau of Social Affairs, soliciting the assistance of the authorities in obtaining reinstatement. These eleven workers were recently dismissed by the management of the mill for being agitators and endeavouring to organize a labour union.

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Nanfong Garage - Unrest among chauffeurs on reserve shift

Unrest at present exists among 16 reserve shift chauffeurs of the Nanfong Garage, 735 Avenue Edward VII (French Concession), who are demanding a monthly pay of \$10 each.

This agitation was started by Ching Heng-loong (程), Woo Ts-liang (吳) and two other chauffeurs who were recently transferred from the regular to the reserve shift following a reduction in the staff owing to lack of business.

This garage is now operating 20 motor cars with two sub-stations, one at Small East Gate, and the other at the Shanghai South Railway Station.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

The situation in the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, is normal this morning, October 23. There are still a number of absentees from the day and night shifts, but according to the management, these persons have either returned to their native places or obtained other positions.

As regards the dispute over the dismissal of two workers for organizing a labour union and nine for being ringleaders in the strike, the Bureau of Social Affairs will convene a further mediation meeting between representatives of the management and the workers, at 9 a.m. October 24 in the Bureau.

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Markham Road.

At 3p.m. on 22/10/36, Mr. W.C. Seeds, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the above Mill was interviewed at the station, when it was learnt that the Bureau of Social Affairs, at the last meeting held between the representatives of the Mill and workers condemned the action of the workers representatives in calling a strike without their permission, and had advised the management to refuse to reinstate the workers previously dismissed.

Since the arrest of the workers, as reported in Diary 19, a marked improvement has resulted in the number of workers resuming.

The present state is as follows:-

Night Shift 6p.m. 22/10/36.

Females working	547	absent	77
Males working	113	"	10

Day Shift 6a.m. 23/10/36.

Females working	643	absent	57.
Males working	326	"	14.

In normal times males and females absent from the mill for various reasons would be practically the same as above, it is therefore to be considered that the mill is practically working at full pressure.

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 251 Marham Road.

As reported in Diary No. 17, a further meeting was convened by the Bureau of Social Affairs, P.M. 21/10/36, but nothing of importance resulted between the various representatives owing to the fact that the workers representatives apparently were interested only in discussing the fate of three of their comrades arrested for intimidation, as outlined in Diary 18; The meeting ended with a request by the workers to the management of the Mill to the effect that they, the management, request police to release the three men now in custody at Gordon Road Station.

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of a third from
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At 4.30p.m. on 21/10/36, the manager communicated with the undersigned and expressed the wish that police do all in their power to arrest the other members of the strikers concerned in the recent acts of intimidation and to charge them according to law.

The following shows the exact state at the mill to 6a.m. 22/10/36;-

Night shift 6p.m. 21/10/36

Females working	308	absent	312.
Males working	108	"	15.

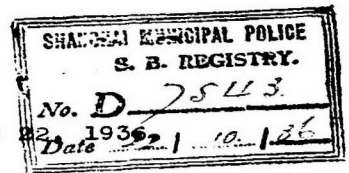
Day Shift 6a.m. 22/10/36.

Females working	581	absent	119
Males working	336	"	4.

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Chinese Chamber of Commerce - issues instructions

On October 21, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce instructed various local trade associations to hoist flags on October 24, the day of the christening of ten aeroplanes subscribed by the local community as a present to General Chiang Kai-shek on his 50th birthday. The trade associations were also instructed to hoist flags at half mast on October 25 as a mark of respect to the memory of Hu Han-min, late Chairman of the Standing Committee of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang, on his state burial in Canton.

Christening of ten aeroplanes at Lunghwa Aerodrome on October 24 - local propaganda

In connection with the christening of the ten aeroplanes to be presented to General Chiang Kai-shek, which is scheduled to take place at the Lunghwa Aerodrome at 2 p.m. October 24, the Special Committee to Raise Funds for the Purchase of Aircraft to be Presented to General Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese Y.M.C.A. Building, 123 Boulevard de Montigny, is making arrangements to publish articles in local newspapers, to broadcast special programmes through radio stations, and to exhibit photographs of General Chiang Kai-shek before each performance in cinemas on that day.

Labour

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the management of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, which arose when the management dismissed two employees for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R.2/10/36), 327 out of the night shift workers failed to report for work

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on the night of October 21/22, but the 515 of the day shift workers, who absented themselves on October 21, resumed work this morning, October 22. It is expected that the absentees from the night shift will also resume work this evening.

At 3 p.m. October 21, the Bureau of Social Affairs convened a meeting in the Bureau when two representatives from the management and two from the workers were present. During the proceedings, the Bureau gave the following rulings:-

- 1) That the workers' representatives persuade all the workers to resume work on the morning of October 22.
- 2) That a settlement of the dispute concerning the dismissal of two workers for organizing a labour union and nine for being ringleaders in the strike be discussed later.

At 4 p.m. the same day, four persons claiming to be representatives of workers and families of the persons arrested on October 20 by the Municipal Police for intimidating a female worker (Vide I.R.22/10/36) called on the management and requested assistance in securing the release of the accused. They withdrew on being promised that their request would receive consideration.

The case against the above mentioned two persons arrested by the Municipal Police was heard at the 1st Special District Court on the morning of October 21 when it was remanded to October 28.

Shanghai Municipality Wharf Coolies Livelihood Improvement Society - holds social meeting

A social meeting attended by approximately sixty members of the Shanghai Municipality Wharf Coolies Livelihood Improvement Society, 763 Military Road, O.O.L., was held at the Nantao Branch Office, 685 Chung Hwa Road, between 4 p.m.

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Besides the female workers, this factory employs some 200 male hands.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the management of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, which arose when the management dismissed two employees for organizing a labour union (Vide I... 2/10/36), 438 of the night shift workers absented themselves on the night of October 20/21, and 515 of the day shift workers failed to report for duty this morning, October 21.

At about 5 p.m. October 20, two male Chinese were arrested by the Municipal Police for intimidating a female worker, and will be arraigned before the Court this morning, October 21. The arrest of these two persons led to the apprehension in Chapei of one of the ringleaders of the agitation. He is now detained in the Bureau of Public Safety, pending an application being made for his extradition by the Municipal Police.

The Hung Tsang Cotton Mill employs a total complement of 1,783 hands.

Miscellaneous

National Goods Exhibition, No. 126 Bubbling Well Road
- participants present tablets to Chairman of the
Chamber of Commerce

The four commemoration tablets presented to Wong Shiao-lai (王曉籟), Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Hsu Shiao-chu (許曉初), leading member of the Chamber, by the Chinese manufacturers taking part in the National

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Strike of worker in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 351 Markham Road.

As previously reported on Diary 17, the strike in the above mill has now extended from the weaving department to the Spinning department and an increase in the number of strikers has resulted, as shown below:-

Night Shift 6p.m. 20/10/36.

Females working	238	absent	382
Males working	67	"	56.

Day Shift 6a.m. 21/10/36.

Females working	291	absent	409.
Males working	234	"	106.

As a result of continued observation re possible intimidation in the vicinity of the mill, C.P.C.s 3137 and 2451, on duty on Gordon Road near Penang Road arrested two male Chinese at 4.40p.m. on 20/10/36 for intimidating a female worker. (This is now the subject of F.I.R. 638/36 G.R.) This lead to a further arrest of one of the ring-leaders, in Chapel, who is now detained in the P.S.Bureau, Nantao, pending application for handing over to the S.M.P. These men have been charged with Intimidation, and appear before the Court a/m. 21/10/36.

At 12.10p.m. on 20/10/36, one named Tsung Sau Ling employee of the above factory, was sent to the station by the manager to report to the effect that a demonstra-



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-tion might possibly be held by the workers outside
the mill gates between 2p.m. and 3p.m. 20/10/36.

This failed to materialize, possibly prevented
by the presense of police and detectives.

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Markham Road.

A.M. 19/10/36 both parties attended the Bureau of Social Affairs and the management gave their decision that they did not intend to re-engage the 9 dismissed workers.

A further meeting at the Bureau has been arranged for 21/10/36.

A.M. 20/10/36 Strikers on Markham Road Bridge, in Markham Li off Markham Road and on Changping Road prevented some of the workers from going to work although no actual acts of intimidation were witnessed by detectives.

Night Shift 6p.m. 19/10/36.

Females working 589 absent 31.

Males working 109 " 14.

Day Shift 6a.m. 20/10/36.

Females working 345 absent 355.

Males working 289 " 51.

This trouble at the Mill has been confined to the Weaving Department but is now extending to the Spinning Department as well.

Precautions are being taken at changes of shifts and arrests will be made, should any acts of intimidation witnessed by Police.

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Vice Commander of the ship in question, arrived in Shanghai from Canton by the Empress of Japan at 1 p.m. October 18.

Chinese Journalists' Association and the abolition of the S.M.C. Press Information Office

At a meeting held in their office, Room 630, Continental Emporium Building, Hankow Road, between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. October 19, seven committee members of the Chinese Journalists' Association decided to form a special committee with the co-operation of the Chinese Daily Newspaper Proprietors' Association to study the S.M.C.'s decision to abolish the Press Information Office.

Labour

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the ex-workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, which arose when the management dismissed two employees for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R. 2710/36), the Bureau of Social Affairs convened a meeting in the Bureau on October 19 when representatives from both parties were present. No satisfactory result was reached, owing to the management persisting in its decision to pay off the dismissed workers. A further meeting will be conducted by the Bureau on October 21.

The dismissed employees and a number of strikers prevented workers from reporting for duty this morning, October 20, with the result that 406 of the day shift hands are absent.

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Strike of Workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Warthen Road.

The Bureau of Social Affairs communicated with the Management on 15/10/36 and requested them to appoint two representatives of the Management and two representatives of the workers for a meeting to be held at the Bureau of Social Affairs 16/10/36.

This was done and the meeting was held. The meeting closed with the suggestion by the Bureau of Social Affairs to the Management that all dismissed workers over this present dispute be re-instated and that the workers desist from attempting to form a Union at the present time.

The position is now under discussion by the Management and they will give their decision to Bureau of Social Affairs on Monday 19/10/36.

On 16/10/36 the Management posted a Notice outside the Mill which stated that despite previous warnings, some of the workers were still absenting themselves from work. The notice gives the workers 3 days in which to resume, after which time they will be considered as wanting to leave their employment and new hands will be taken on to replace them.

Day Shift 6am. 17/10/36.

Females working 608,	absent 92.
Males working 323,	absent 17.



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Night Shift 6P.M. 17/10/36.

Females working 554, absent 60.

Males working 112, absent 18.

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Markham Road.

Since the management definitely dismissed the eight workers (see diary 14) more workers have returned to their places in the Mill. The following figures show marked improvement on those for the previous two shifts.

Night shift 6p.m. 13/10/36

520 Females working, 100 females absent.

109 Males working, 5 Males absent.

Day Shift 6a.m. 14/10/36.

620 Females working. 80 females absent.

318 Males working, 22 Males absent.

The above shows that only 13.2% of all workers are now absent from work. It must also be taken into consideration, that in normal times, the daily absentees from work for diverse reasons, is approximately 100 in addition to which, normal casualties have occurred which were not 'made up' during the trouble and the vacancies so created, are only now being filled.

The eight men dismissed have neither approached or communicated with the management since leaving the Mill after dismissal. Their pay due, still awaits collection.

Night Shift 6p.m. 14/10/36.

Females working, 551

females absent, 69

Males working, 111

Males absent, 5



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Day Shift 6a.m. 15/10/36.

Females working, ~~644~~ Females absent, 76

Males working, 520 Males absent, 20

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On October 13, the management received a letter from the strikers setting forth the following demands .-

- 1) That wages be paid not later than the 5th of every month.
- 2) That fines imposed must not exceed \$0.30.
- 3) That in cases of temporary suspension of work owing to lack of material, daily allowances of \$0.30 be issued.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - Situation

In connection with the dispute between the management and the workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, which arose when the management dismissed two workers for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R.2/10/36), 74 of the 850 night shift workers failed to report for duty on the night of October 14/15, and 96 of the day shift workers absented themselves this morning, October 15.

These figures show much improvement on the numbers of absentees on previous days, and the situation in the factory is returning to normal.

Miscellaneous

Rice Shop Owners' Association - meeting

Seven committee members of the Shanghai Municipality Rice Shop Owners' Association held a meeting in their office, Tai Feng Ka, City, on October 14, and decided to issue a circular notice to owners of rice shops in Shanghai advising them not to raise or lower the prices of rice without the permission of the Association.

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Movements of Notables

To Nanking

Departed at 11 p.m. October 13 :-

Fang Chush-wei, member of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang.

From Nanking

Arrived at 7 a.m. October 14 :-

Wang Chung-wei, member of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang.

Chu Ching-lai, Chairman of the National Famine
Relief Commission.

Exodus of Chapei and neighbourhood residents into the
Settlement

The number of persons who entered the Settlement on
October 13 was approximately 150, the majority of whom
came from inland villages. The greater proportion of
these persons proceeded to the French Concession and Nantao.

Schools in Kiangwan resume classes

The eight schools, situated on Ziang Ying Road and
Sui Dien Road, Kiangwan, which closed on October 8 ostensibly
to observe the Double Tenth Festival (Vide I.R.9/10/36),
resumed classes on October 13 and 14.

Labour

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

In connection with the dispute between the management
and the workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham
Road, which arose when the management dismissed two workers
for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R.2/10/36), 93 of the
850 night shift workers failed to report for duty on the
night of Oct. 13/14, and 102 of the day shift workers absented
themselves this morning, October 14.

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Special Committee to Raise Funds for the Purchase of Aircraft
to be presented to General Chiang Kai-shek - meeting

Fourteen members of the Special Committee to Raise Funds for the Purchase of Aircraft to be Presented to General Chiang Kai-shek held a meeting in the Chinese Y.M.C.A., 123 Boulevard de Montigny, between 5 p.m. and 8.10 p.m. October 12. During the meeting, it was decided to postpone the ceremony of naming the ten aeroplanes purchased from 2 p.m. October 15 to 2 p.m. October 25. The ceremony will be held at the Lungwha Aerodrome.

It was also resolved that a propaganda campaign be conducted on October 25 by screening advertisements in local cinemas bearing on the movement, and publishing special articles in the press.

LabourHung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the management of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, which arose when the management dismissed two workers for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R.2/10/36), 156 of the 850 night shift workers failed to report for duty on the night of October 12/13, and 160 of the day shift workers absented themselves this morning, October 13.

At 10 a.m. October 12, eight strikers, whom the management had decided to dismiss (Vide I.R.9/10/36) called at the mill when the foreman informed them of the decision of the management and offered them their wages. The strikers refused to accept the wages and left the mill half an hour later.

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Marlham Road.

At 10a.m. 12/10/36, the eight workers (previously referred to) attended at the mill and the works foreman explained to them that the management had definitely decided to dismiss them and offered them their pay which had previously been prepared. This they would not accept. The undersigned and D.S.I. Chu Meng Wei were present and after the works foreman had finished they were warned against intimidation and for creating any disturbance being advised to take any grievance they may have to the Bureau of Social Affairs. At 10.30a.m. all eight quietly left the mill.

About 60 females (striking workers) had assembled outside the mill during the above times.

The eight workers had been advised not to converse with the crowd on leaving the mill. They did not do so, the crowd remained quiet and all quietly left after seeing the eight men walk away.

Between 5 & 6 p.m. 12/10/36 (change of shifts) extra precautions were taken as the possibility of trouble existed in view of the above action taken. No incidents however occurred.

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Night Shift 6p.m. 12/10/36.

Females on strike, 151.

Males on strike, 5.

Day Shift 6a.m. 13/10/36.

Females on strike, 135.

Males on strike, 25.

Please note the number of 9 males has now been subtracted from the males on strike in view of their dismissal.

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Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the management of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, which arose when the management dismissed two workers for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R.2/10/36), 227 of the 850 night shift workers failed to report for duty on the night of October 11/12, and 212 of the day shift absented themselves this morning, October 12.

The strikers have been instructed by the Bureau of Social Affairs to resume work pending a settlement of the dispute by the authorities. Consequently some 60 strikers attempted to resume work on the morning of Oct.9. They were, however, prevented from doing so by the management.

At 5 p.m. the same day, some seventy strikers gained admission to the mill during the changing over of shifts and switched off the motor in the Weaving Department. They later withdrew on the advice of the Municipal Police, who were called to the scene by the management. Work was resumed at 6p.m.

Tseng Yuan Silk Factory - increases working period

The Tseng Yuan Silk Factory, 19 Teh Loong Fang, ^{Brenan Road,} O.O.L. which reduced its working period to six days per week on October 6, 1936 (Vide I.R. 7/10/36), resumed its normal working period on October 11, of six days and six nights a week. This factory employs 52 hands.

Bureau of Social Affairs convenes meeting of representatives of local theatrical performers

Between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. October 9, the Bureau of Social Affairs convened a meeting of representatives of local theatrical performers, including story-tellers, in the

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Markham Road.

The meeting as arranged for 11a.m. 11/10/36 at Gordon Road Station (see diary No. 12) did not materialise as only one of the workers attended i. e. Yuen Ah Kiau (袁阿妙) who stated the others were not willing to attend the station.

It was then decided with the mill representatives that a further meeting be arranged for 10a.m. 12/10/36 at the Mill Offices.

Precautions will be taken and detectives will attend the meeting.

Night shift 6p.m. 11/10/36.

Females on strike, 218

Males on strike, 9

Day shift 6a.m. 12/10/36.

Females on strike, 182

Males on strike, 30

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12.

Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Markham Road.

At 11a.m. 10/10/36 Mr. W.C. Seeds and representatives of the management came to the station as previously arranged but only two of the nine workers awaiting dismissal attended. They being

1,- Yue Hai Ching (余海清)

2,- Yuen Ah Miao (袁何妙)

They stated they had not come as representatives for the others but happened to be the only two attending. It was obvious however they had attended prepared to represent the others.

It was explained to these two that nothing could be done through the medium of representatives and that all must attend at the same time.

They then left the station after they had stated they would arrange for them all to come to Gordon Road at 11a.m. 11/10/36.

Bei Tsung Yung (卞春荣) as shown on diary 9 page 1 is in the custody of Chapai Police and therefore only 8 of the nine will be able to attend.

At 11.05a.m. 10/10/36, Tsang Lai Tsung (张荣增) age 19, female, residing 935 Ferry Road and Woo Wei Ying (胡惠英) age 23, female, 56 Tah Tuh Li Wuting Road came to the station and reported trivial injuries received at the Mill gates when they were going to work at about

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5.10p.m. 9/10/36. Enquiries revealed that same had been received whilst being pushed in the crowd during the incident at that time (see diary 11). They did not wish to attend Hospital and only required that their report be placed on record in view of the present situation. It is suspected that some other strikers had "put them up" to making this report but along more serious lines but that they "lost heart" and confined their report as above on seeing those connected with the management, at that time, at the station. They would not admit that others had instigated them to report. Both have been on strike for the past week and stated they were returning to work for the first time when the above happened.

No further incidents have occurred and the number of strikers are now as follows:-

Night Shift 6p.m. 10/10/36.

Females on strike, 192

Males on strike, 17

No day shift 6a.m. 11/10/36.

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Strike of Workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 341 Gordon Road.

Further to the remarks on diary No.9 re dismissal of five other employees, enquiries have now revealed the situation to be as follows:-

A letter was received from the Bureau of Social Affairs by the Management on 8/10/36 translation as follows:-

"Instructional Order issued by Bureau of Social
Affairs No.Character "Hai" 201.

" A petition has been received from the Preparatory Committee of the No.3 Cotton Weaving workers Union to the effect that two of the workers named Hoo Kung Zai and Shu Vung Yah have been dismissed by the mill management without any suitable reason, therefore a dispute between the management and workers has commenced, and that this Bureau be requested to take this case into consideration.

" According to the above, the declaration of stoppage of work by the workers before negotiation or decision by this Bureau is strictly prohibited and this order has been repeatedly conveyed to every mill and their workers. It is not according to "laws" of this Bureau that the workers of the mill in question declare a stoppage of work without first obtaining permission from this Bureau, and is considered to be unreasonable".

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"This Bureau, on receipt of this petition from the workers Union, now again repeat the above order and herewith instruct that all the workers of the mill should resume work as soon as possible with a view to maintaining order of the mill, with the exception of the two dismissed members named Hoo Kung Zai and Shu Vung Yah whose reason for their dismissal will be investigated and the matter settled by negotiations with the management later."

Prior to receipt of this letter the management had decided on 7/10/36 to dismiss first, five workers as shown on diary 9 page 1 and later, at the first convenient opportunity, 4 others, (names below) for being instrumental in prolonging the strike.

1. Bei Tsung Yung (卜春榮).
2. Wong Ah Faung (王阿芳).
3. Wong Yue Sung (王友生).
4. Iung Ah Yung (尹阿榮).

The letter (above) from Bureau of Social Affairs ^{temporarily} excuses with the dismissal of the original two workers but instructed that all other workers resume work.

The management on receipt of this letter realised that to dismiss these further 9 men would be contrary to the instructions of Bureau of Social Affairs.

After a discussion by the management it was

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decided to adhere to their original decision and to dismiss these 9 men and they are quoting "Factory Law"

() Art.No.31 Sect. 2 which states:-

Article 31.

"A factory may terminate a working agreement prior to its expiration and without previous notice on the following grounds:-

"Section 2.

When a worker fails to report for work, without cause for 3 consecutive days or, more than 6 days in one month;

The management contend that they are within their rights in making this decision, as all the above 9 workers have absented themselves from work for over one week.

This decision, it is understood, will be communicated to the Bureau of Social Affairs 9/10/36 and the management has promised to communicate the reply given, on its receipt.

Night shift 6 P.M. 9/10/36.

Females on strike: 260

Males on strike: 19

Day shift 6 A.M. 10/10/36.

Females on strike: 290

Males on strike: 23

The dismissal of these 9 workers has not yet been actually put into effect.

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Strike of Workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 391 Markham Road.

At 5.10p.m. 9/10/36, a message was received in the Charge Room from Hung Chang Mill to the effect that workers were causing trouble at the mill.

Inspt. 1/c, D.S. White and party immediately attended and found that F.S. Johnstone and C.D.S. 128 and party of police had 13 men under detention in the Weaving Shed Dining Room.

Enquiries revealed that these men, had entered the Mill Compound with other workers, during change of shifts and had assembled in the Mill Compound and demanded to interview the management re reinstatement.

Eight of the 13 workers were those already referred to on Diary 9 page 2 and Diary 10 page 2, Bei Tsung Yung being absent. The names of the other 5 are

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1,-Zee Vung Woo, 许文学 | 2,-Tsung Pau Ling, 梁宝林 |
| 3,-Ching Ling Hai, 蔡林海 | 4,-Lieu Pao De, 刘宝弟 |
| 5,-Tsung Ching Ling, 陈金林 | |

Malay Mill workers on strike.

The management refused to grant these men an interview and they then went together to the Weaving Department Dining Room and stated they intended to remain there until an interview was granted.

Whilst enquiries were in progress D.O. "B" attended and the 13 workers were then taken to the office where

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D.O. "B", Inspt. 1/c, the manager and D.S. White discussed the matter.

It must be noted that the nine men have not yet been properly notified of their dismissal, but as shown on Diary No. 9 page 2 (last para.), four of these men had been refused admittance to the mill at 6a.m. 9/10/36 when they wished to resume work.

These workers stated they had the authority of the Bureau of Social affairs, to again start work, in the form of a letter. This was not displayed but is believed to be one identical with that received by the management. This letter is said to be in the possession of Hoo Kung Zeu (何根傳) (one of the original two dismissed).

It was finally arranged, with the sanction of D.O."B", that these workers and a representative of the management, meet at Gordon Road Station at 11a.m. 10/10/36 when the findings of a meeting to be arranged by Mr. W.C. Seeds with the management in the interim, will be conveyed to them.

The increase in the number of strikers shown on Diary 10 page 3 (night shift) is most probably, due to the fact that some workers arriving for the night shift, would not enter the Mill Compound on observing that some trouble was afoot and were seen to walk away (most probably returning to their homes).

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No holiday is being observed by the Mill on 10/10/36 (Double Tenth) in view of the present unrest and the probability of the management deciding to "close down" until the workers are willing to return.

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Strike of Workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 361 Markham Road.

As will be seen by reference to Diary No. 8, several men were arrested by the Chapei Police following an assault upon a carpenter, (employed by the above mill) at about 1.30p.m. on 7/10/36.

A list of the names of the men arrested, including others taken into the Hung Fong Road Police Station, for questioning, follows:-

- (1) Shu Vung Yoh (许文岳) (2) Lieu Zung Zai (刘顺才)
(3) Zee Pau Ching (徐宝庆) (4) Wong Ah Faung (王何方)
(5) Tseu Vung Ping (周文柄) (6) Zung Pau Ling (冻宝林)
(7) Lieu Pao Dien (刘宝弟) (8) Tsang Kuo An (张国安)
(9) Tseu Miao Ying (周妙英) (10) Tsang Ling Pao (张林宝)
(11) Shu Zung Dien (许成市)

Later, these men were all released, after a suitable guarantee had been provided for them. (They are not being proceeded against by the Chapei Authorities).

At about 5p.m. on 7/10/36, one named "Bee Chin Yung" (卜春荣) was arrested by the above police and recognised by the complainant (as one of his assailants) This man has been detained and charged, appearing in the City Court a.m. 8/10/36.

It will be noticed that in the above list of names of workers who were present during the assault upon one

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of the workers, appears the name of Shu Vung Yoh (許永學) who was one of the originally dismissed men.

On 7/10/36, the management decided to dismiss the undermentioned five male workers as they were known to be ones who were actively prolonging the strike:-

1. Yue Hai Ching (余海卿).
2. Zee Sing Foo (徐新甫).
3. Zee Pau Ching (徐堂慶).
4. Yuen Ah Miao (袁阿妙).
5. Lieu Zung Zai (劉順才).

This information was not passed to detectives until C.D.S.202 had learnt this from outside and then directly questioned the management.

It is learnt that the Bureau of Social Affairs has already sent a letter to the workers representatives instructing them to resume work first and to negotiate afterwards. These instructions however were based on the original grievance of the two dismissed workers.

The dismissal of the above five has further complicated matters but as this information only came to hand at 7 a.m. 9/10/36, enquiries regarding same are not yet complete.

Four of the above five attempted to resume work 6 a.m. 9/10/36 but this was refused by the management.

At 6 a.m. shift 9/10/36 about 40 female workers

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waited outside the mill and were prepared to resume work in the event of the male workers doing so. The male workers failing to resume, the females then quietly left in various directions.

Night shift 6 p.m. 9/10/36.

Females on strike : 148.

Males on strike: 14.

Day shift 6 a.m. 9/10/36.

Females on strike: 153.

Males on strike: 20.

These figures show very little variance from those of yesterday.

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 381 Markham Road

At the request of the Bureau of Social Affairs the management sent two representatives of the mill, Kang Woo Chuan (康維莊) and Kau Loh Zung (高老仁) (Engineers) to discuss the matter with the Bureau. It was also learnt that the two dismissed workers had also been to the Bureau to state their case.

It is understood that the Bureau of Social Affairs are now giving the strike their consideration but have as yet made no statements concerning same.

Detectives were again employed at the change of shifts and kept observation in the vicinity but observed no cases of intimidation or workers being accosted on the roadway.

The number on strike have now slightly decreased and the figures as given by the management are as shown below:-

Night shift 6 p.m. 6/10/36-

Females on strike 176.

males one strike 12.

Day shift 6 a.m. 7/10/36:-

Females on strike 145.

Males on strike 25.

The above figures show workers who have not reported

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for work and at the present time, are therefore considered on strike though some must be workers who are absent for other reasons, illness, private affairs etc. the management stating that in normal times they always have a number absent for these reasons--especially amongst the females.

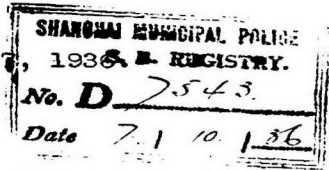
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Your obedient servant,

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Branches, Lane 20, 9 Rue Pere Robert, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. October 4, and decided to make arrangements to hold an election of new committee members for the ensuing year and to establish a "2nd Special District Citizens' Lien Hwai (Mutual Entertainment) Society" (第二特別區民樂社) at No.2 Yue Teh Li (岳德里), Kwangse Road.

Labour

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - strike situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the management of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, over the dismissal of two workers for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R.2/10/36), 188 of the 850 night shift workers did not report for work on the night of October 6/7, and 170 of the day shift workers absented themselves from duty this morning, October 7.

Tseng Yuan Silk Factory - reduction in working period

With effect from October 6, the Tseng Yuan Silk Factory, 19 Teh Loong Fang, Brennan Road, O.O.L., reduced its working period to six days a week owing to the present local situation, and the fifty-two workers in its employ have been divided into two shifts each operating three days a week. This factory hitherto operated six days and six nights a week.

Miscellaneous

Shanghai Citizens' Association - annual meeting

Between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. October 6, the annual meeting of the Shanghai Citizens' Association was held in its office, Room 415 Chung Wei Building, 16 Rue de la Porte du Nord, with 90 members attending.

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S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 7543
Date 10/12/36

Movements of Notables

To Nanking

Departed at 11 p.m. October 5 :-

H.H. Kung, Minister of Finance.

Hsu Kai, Vice Minister of Finance.

Chu Ming-nyi, member of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang.

Labour

Heng Foong Silk Filature - stoppage of work

Two hundred out of the 400 workers of the Heng Foong Silk Filature, 316 Koo Ka Wan, Chapei, ceased work at 3.30 p.m. October 5, in order to enforce a demand for the immediate payment of wages. Work was resumed at 4.30 p.m. on the management promising to issue wages on October 8.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - strike situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the management of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, which arose when the management dismissed two employees for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R. 2/10/36), 230 of the 850 night shift workers failed to report for work on the night of October 5/6, and 200 of the day shift workers absented themselves this morning, October 6.

Shanghai Ocean Steamer Tallymen's Mutual Aid Society - removal of office

The office of the Shanghai Ocean Steamer Tallymen's Mutual Aid Society has been removed from Lane 21, 17 Wayside Road, to No. 26 Chusan Road.



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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill
at 331 Marham Road. 鴻章紡織

Further enquiries at the above mill on the night of the 5/10/36 ascertained that 230 workers of the night shift failed to report for work.

The position to date is now as follows;- 160 day-shift workers and 230 night-shift workers have failed to report for work, a total of 390 male and females. This is probably explained by the fact that on Sunday, 4/10/36, the mill is closed down during the period of the day-shift, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and this would therefore afford an opportunity to the disgruntled workers to circulate amongst the other workers for the purpose of spreading discontent. It was learnt that many of the workers who are unwilling to strike were approached on Sunday, 4/10/36, and requested to help the strikers by refusing to resume work for two days, thereby assisting them, the strikers, to gain their objective.

With regard to the notice posted by the management to the effect that in the event of the strikers failing to resume work in two days, all would be dismissed, Mr. Ts Hai Tsong informed the undersigned to the effect that this notice was posted more as a means to frighten the workers into resuming, and should not be taken too literally, but at the same time, should the situation assume serious

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proportions, the management were prepared to close down for an indefinite period.

Close observation is being continued in order to prevent any intimidation in the vicinity or curtilage of the mill.

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for DS Taylor.
D.S.201.

Day shift 6/10/36 starting at 6 a.m. shows:-

306 females working, 190 on strike.

448 males working-- 30 on strike.

No cases of intimidation in the vicinity of the mill.

Detectives are being posted at the time shifts change to guard against this.

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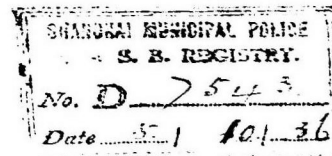
At 6.30 p.m. 3/10/36 a check was made on the number of workers who had reported for the night shift.

Improvement in the situation is shown, in that only 40 workers failed to report for duty as against about 200 the premises night.

The mill is closed down during the period of Sunday's day shift, and the next shift to go on will be 6 p.m. 4/10/36. This is to allow the workers to change over from day shift to night shift and vice versa.

No cases of intimidation have occurred or been reported since precautions to prevent same were instituted. Detectives are still keeping in touch with the situation.

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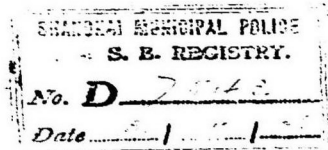


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Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - strike situation

In connection with the dispute between the workers and the management of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Parkman Road, which arose when the management dismissed two employees for organizing a labour union (Vide I.R. 2/10/36), 200 of the 850 night shift workers failed to report for duty on the night of October 4/5 and 160 of the day shift workers absented themselves this morning, October 5.

On October 3, the management posted a notice instructing all workers to resume within two days under pain of dismissal.



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Local situation - decrease in the number of residents leaving Chapei

The exodus of persons from Chinese controlled territory (Vide I.R.2/10/36) showed a decided decrease on October 2. Although the panic in Chapei appears to have subsided, rumours are still rife concerning impending Sino-Japanese hostilities. The barricades erected by the Japanese Naval Landing Party in Hongkew District have now been removed.

Labour

Jen Yue Hosiery Factory - suspends operations

The Jen Yue Hosiery Factory, 53 Singapore Road, O.O.L. closed on October 2 owing to lack of business. As a result, 300 workers are affected.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - strike situation

One hundred and ninety of the 850 night shift hands employed by the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, absented themselves from duty on the night of October 2/3. Of the 270 day shift workers who went on strike on October 1 (Vide I.R.2/10/36), 170 returned to work this morning, while the remaining 100 employees are still out.

The dismissal of two workers on September 28 for organizing a labour union is the cause of the agitation among these workers.

Miscellaneous

Animal Day - observance

In observance of Animal Day, which falls on October 4, the China Society for the Protection of Animals, 35 Yunnan Road, will hold an exhibition of propaganda advocating the

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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill, at 381 Markham Road.

At 8.30a.m. on 2/10/36, the undersigned again visited the manager of the Hung Chang Mill (鴻章紗廠) when it was learnt that out of the normal complement of day-workers, (657 male and female), 240 females and 40 males, (a total of 280) failed to turn up for work this a.m. 2/10/36.

The remainder, 377 female and male workers, proceeded quietly to the various departments where they remained at work without any sign of demonstration.

During the interview, Mr. Ts Hai Tsong informed the undersigned that he had received information from one of his department foremen, to the effect that cases of intimidation had occurred at the following places between the hours of 5a.m. to 6.30a.m. and 5p.m. to 6.30p.m. on 1/10/36 and 2/10/36;-

- (1) Markham and Connaught Roads corner,
- (2) Changping Road near Markham Road, and
- (3) Markham Li off Markham Road

on the part of disgruntled employees, now on strike.

Inspector i/c informed and police on beat duty in the vicinity of the above places have been warned to keep a sharp look out.

Detectives have also been detailed for observation in regard to the above.

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At 6p.m. on 2/10/36, when the night shift comprising 660 hands should have reported for work, it was found that 460 only, checked in, or less 200. This now makes a total of 480 male and female workers on strike.

It is thought by the management, that it is only a matter of time before the entire complement of workers will have ceased work.

Up to date, enquiries show, no representations have been made by the workers to the management.

Mr. Ts Hai Tsong assured the undersigned that every effort to bring the dispute to an early settlement would be made by the management, but that, in the event of any further demands, such as increased wages, or the like, being put forth by the workers, a complete "shut-out" would be ordered for an indefinite period. (Mr. Ts Hai Tsong has apparently heard rumours to the effect that a higher wages would also be demanded by the workers, during the present dispute).

Strict observation is being kept up, and a further report will be forwarded in due course.

*Situation at 7am 3.10.36
shows improvement.
617 workers started day shift
6am 3.10.36 - only 40 of this
shift now out.
Senior Detective i/c. Ahead.*

W. H. Douglas
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Strike of workers in the Hung Chang Cotton Mill at 381 Markham Road. (22-17-36)

At 11.00a.m. on 1/10/36, the undersigned again visited the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the above Mill, at 381 Markham Road when it was learnt that no definite decision had been arrived at between the management and the workers, but that all hands were working normally as hitherto, with no suspicion of impending disturbance.

At 2.00p.m. same date, the undersigned was informed by Mr. Ts Hai Tsong (The Secretary referred to above) to the effect that he had received definite instructions to dismiss the two workmen, (referred to on Diary 1) despite any adverse action on the part of the other workers, and that he would dismiss these men at 3.00p.m. even date.

He further informed the undersigned to the effect that he had received information from his foreman named Zung Tsung Chang (鄭鎮昌) revealing the possibility of a disturbance staged by the friends of the men whom he intended to dismiss, he therefore requested police protection on the premises, in view of this. The foreman when questioned stated that he had himself heard muttered threats on the part of many of the workers, in the mill, to the effect that the management "would be sorry" if they persisted in the dismissal of their two friends, (1) Hoo Kung Zou (何振傳) and (2) Shu Vung Yoh (許文學)

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A party of police under Inspector Holt, Officer i/c immediately proceeded to the mill, and shortly afterwards "Hoo Kung Zou" was called from the mill by the manager, who told him his services were no longer required. He was immediately paid his salary, to date, and left the premises quickly.

This man was engaged on day-shift whilst his friend, Shu Vung Yoh is employed on the night shift.

Mr. Ts Hai Tsong then stated that at 6p.m. upon the arrival of Shu Vung Yoh, he was also to be paid off.

As no signs of a disturbance were apparant, police were withdrawn except for the usual strength which has kept observation during the past few days.

At 6p.m. the undersigned was again present, but Shu Vung Yoh failed to arrive at the mill for work.

From this it is considered that he had met and been informed by his friend of the decision of the management, and consequently has remained away probably to consider some other line of action, after consulting with his friends.

At present, no useful information regarding the type of reaction to be expected from the workers, when they all learn of the dismissal of these two men, could be obtained, apart from rumours to the effect that a strike would

*Full night shift
reported for work
with exception of
Shu Vung Yoh.*

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be called and immediate stoppage of work effected.

Strict observation is being kept up by detectives.

Situation at 7am 2-10-36

Check of day shift starting

6am 2-10-36 shows:-

366 females working - 240 females short

291 males do - 30 males do.

No incidents.

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D.S. 201.

Senior Detective i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Yee Tsoong Tobacco Company - increase in daily working period

The Thorburn Road Factory and the Pootung Factory of the Yee Tsoong Tobacco Company commenced operating ten hours instead of nine hours a day on October 1.

Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - day shift workers declare strike

On the morning of October 1, 270 of the 850 day shift workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill declared a strike as a protest against the action of the management in dismissing two workers on September 28 for being the organizers of a labour union (Vide I.R. 29/9/36).

The 850 night shift workers who declared a strike for the same reason at 6 p.m., September 28, resumed unconditionally on the evening of September 29.

Asia Steel Factory - workers cease agitation

In connection with the demand of the workers of the Asia Steel Factory, 379 Hochien Road, for an increase in wages (Vide I.R. 1/10/36), the management has agreed to grant them a wage increase ranging from 3 to 6 cents per day with effect from October 1. Ten of the fifteen workers who walked out on October 1 in order to enforce the demand in question have been dismissed. A decision regarding the remaining five workers will be given on October 3.

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This factory employs a complement of 60 hands, and recently owing to business depression, the management divided them into two shifts to operate alternate days.

It is learned that the management intends to dismiss three of the strikers who are believed to be the instigators of the present trouble.

5th District Cigarette Factory workers' Union
- activities.

In commemoration of the anniversary of the strike of the Yee Tsoong Tobacco Factory workers following which the management of the concern agreed to pay taxes on tobacco to the Chinese Government, the 5th District Cigarette Factory workers' Union, 78 Lan Nyi Doo Road, Pootung, held a meeting between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. September 30, when 80 persons attended. Posters bearing on the anniversary were pasted on the walls of the Union premises on September 29.

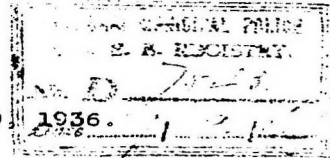
Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - workers to form a Union

Arrangements are being made by workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, to form a union and a preparatory office has been established at No. 20 Zoong Teh Li (崇德里), Heng Foong Road, Chapei.

The promoters of the movement are Hsu wen-yah (许文彦) and Ho Keng-zai (何根才), foremen in the Machine Shop of the Mill.

The Hung Tsang Cotton Mill employs a total of 1,700 workers.

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Hung Tsang Cotton Mill - strike

At 6 p.m. September 28, the night shift workers of the Hung Tsang Cotton Mill, 381 Markham Road, went on a strike with a view to demanding the reinstatement of two labourers who were dismissed by the management on suspicion of being actively engaged in organizing a labour union.

The management has promised to reinstate the two workers for the time being pending a decision by the Board of Directors.

This mill has a total complement of 1,700 workers, of whom 850 are employed on night shift.

The day shift workers are operating as usual, and it is expected that the night shift workers will return to work this evening.

Cathay Laundry - strike continues

The fifty workers employed in the Ironing Department of the Cathay Laundry, 1178 Pingliang Road, continue on strike this morning, Sept. 29 to enforce their demand for the reinstatement of a dismissed worker (vide I.R. 28/9/36).

Workers in other departments are operating as usual.

Miscellaneous

1st Special District Citizens' Federation - circular to shop owners

On Sept. 28, the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building, North Soochow Road, issued a circular notice to various shop owners in the Settlement asking them to hoist flags on Oct. 1 in celebration of the renaming of Thibet Road as Yu Yah Ching Road. The notice also requests them to send representatives to attend

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Further enquiries re the proposed meeting to be held between the Management and the workers at about 4p.m. on 29/9/36 resulted in information being obtained to the effect that no meeting between the above mentioned parties would take place as scheduled, as no instruction regarding such had been received by the management.

All hands commenced work as usual a.m. 29/9/36, with no signs of impending disturbance.

A further report will be forwarded in due course.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No: Political 14/36.

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Gordon Road Police Station.
Sept. 28th 1936.

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Strike at Hung Chang Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Factory, 381 Markham Road.

At 7.20p.m. on 28/9/36, a telephone message was received from one named Ling Wen Ts (林文審) office clerk, employed by the Hung Chang Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Factory, (鴻章紗廠) situated at No. 381 Markham Road to the effect that a strike had occurred in the above factory affecting about 850 workers, further adding that the strikers were on the premises and refused to leave.

Inspector Holt, Officer i/c District, D.S. Taylor, and a party of police immediately proceeded to the scene when it was learnt that the night and day shifts of male and female workers of the spinning and weaving departments of the above factory, comprising about 850 workers in all had ceased work, and definitely refused to continue until the following two demands had been complied with by the management;—

- (1) That the workers be allowed to establish a branch of the 3rd District Cotton Weaving Labourers Union, (Located on Hung Fong Road, Chapei).
- (2) That two workers named (1) Shu Vung Yoh (許文榮) and (2) Hoo Kung Zou (何根傳) dismissed by a foreman named Zung Tsung Chang (鄭鎮昌) at 6p.m. on 28/9/36 be reinstated.

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Mr. Ts Hai Tsong (施漢章) Secretary of the board of Directors of the concern was communicated with, and, upon his arrival the following was learnt:- On the 25/9/36, representation was made to the management by the two now dismissed workmen, who apparently acting as spokesmen on behalf of the Spinning and Weaving Departments, demanded that the workers be allowed to establish a branch office of the 3rd District Spinning and Weaving Labour Union, and to become affiliated to that union. Mr. Ts Hai Tsong then explained to them that the idea would not be entertained by the management. Later in an effort to arrest the movement before same had a chance to take root, (but only after enquiries had been made amongst the workers by the management, resulting in information being received to the effect that "Shu Vung Yoh" and "Hoo Kung Zou" were likely to cause discontent amongst the staff) the two above named workers representatives were informed to the effect that their services would terminate on 28/9/36.

This resulted in a committee being formed, comprising 8 male workers (named hereunder) (1) Yee Hai Ching (余海卿) (2) Loh San Pao (陸三寶) (3) Zee Pao Ching (徐寶青) (4) Zung Lan Sung (鄭蘭生) (5) Hoo An Sung (賀安生) (6) Tan Kung Dau (談振道) (7) Wong Ah Sung (王阿生) (8) Wong Yeu Dau (王有生) who presented

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the above two demands to the management at about 6.30p.m. on 28/9/36, in the meantime a halt was called which affected the departments mentioned above .

It was also learnt that the two dismissed workers had applied for registration to the Bureau of Social Affairs, Nantao on about 20/9/36, with a view to obtaining recognition of their proposal to establish a union.

Following a lengthy discussion in the factory from 7.30p.m. to 9p.m. 28/9/36, a local agreement was arrived at between the Secretary, Mr. Ts Hai Tsong and the workers to the effect that the two dismissed workmen may continue their work from a.m. 29/9/36, provided all hands turned in together. This was agreed to, as a form of temporary measure, pending a meeting of the management at about 4p.m. on 29/9/36, at which time, representatives of the workers would be present to discuss the situation.

Only about 100 of the night shift remained behind to work, the remainder leaving the factory, without causing disturbance, promising to continue work from the 29/9/36, pending settlement of the affair.

The situation up to the present cannot be described as normal, especially in view of the unlikelihood , (according to Mr. Ts Hai Tsong) of the management agreeing to the workers demands.

Police have therefore been posted in the vicinity

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and observation of the movements of the workers is being kept up by detectives, pending the outcome of the discussion between both parties, at 4p.m. 29/9/36, the result of which will be the subject of a further report.

There is no suggestion of, or threatened, disturbance, up to the present.



Senior Detective i/c.



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REPORT ON STRIKE

Gordon Road Station Sept. 28th. 1936.

Time and date reported 7.20 p.m. Time and date I.O. informed ...

By whom reported Ling Wen Ts (林文士) Clerk.

Trade or profession of strikers Cotton Spinning & Weaving Workers.

Number of strikers 850 Male 250 Female 600 Apprentices ...

Employer's name, address and business Hung Onong Co (128 弄沙路) Spinning Weaving & Dyeing Factory, 392 Markham Road.

Union to which strikers belong Nil.

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Demands:-
 (1) That the workers be allowed to establish a workers union.
 (2) That two dismissed employees be reinstated.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence A.M. 25/9/36.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Dismissed two employees, the spokesman for the workers in the attempt to create a union.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers A meeting will be called at 4 p.m. on 29/9/36 by the owners, to discuss the situation and meet the workers representatives.

Names and addresses of strike leaders At present unknown.

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration None.

Meeting places of strikers Factory Compound at present.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike Nil.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike Nil.

Name and address of printer of such circulars ...

Precautions taken by Police Observation is being maintained and police have been posted in the vicinity.

SENIOR DET. I/C.	INSPECTOR I/C.	D. C. I.	I. C.
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>		

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